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Attorney Docket No.: 60188-571
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Nobuo AOI : Customer No.20277
Serial No.: 10/622,515 : Confirmation No.: 3781
Filed: July 21, 2003 : Group Art Unit: 1762
For: INTERLAYER INSULATING FILM, METHOD FOR FORMING THE SAME AND : Examiner: ELENA TSOY
POLYMER COMPOSITION :

ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121

Mail Stop Amendment
Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed
June 16, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire
July 16, 2006, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following Groups:

- Group I - Claims 1-4, 45-47, drawn to an interlayer insulating film;
- Group II - Claims 5-8, 48-50, drawn to an interlayer insulating film;
- Group III - Claims 9-16, drawn to a method for forming an interlayer insulating film;
- Group IV - Claims 17-26, drawn to a method for forming an interlayer insulating film;
- Group V - Claims 27-34, drawn to a method for forming an interlayer insulating film;

Group VI - Claims 35-44, drawn to a method for forming an interlayer insulating film.

Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-4 and 45-47, for initial prosecution on the merits. Applicant also reserves the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims which the Examiner has indicated are patentably distinct.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

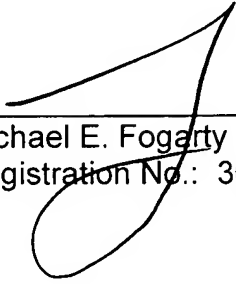
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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